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FOLLOWING IS REPEAT AMMAN 3761, SENT SECSTATE 18 JULY:

QUOTE S E C R E T AMMAN 3761

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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652 XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR JO US LE SY UR

SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR KING HUSSEIN AND ASAD ON LEBANON

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1. I SAW KING HUSSEIN JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE  
FOR IRAN AND CONVEYED TO HIM MESSAGE REFTEL.

2. AFTER WE HAD COMPLETED THIS PORTION OF DISCUSSION  
KING PICKED UP TELEPHONE AND PUT A CALL TO ASAD.

3. WITHIN FIVE MINUTES ASAD WAS BACK TO THE KING ON  
THE PHONE. THE KING THEN PROVIDED ASAD WITH A PRECIS  
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OF THE MESSAGE IN ARABIC. FROM MY UNDERSTANDING KING

PUT STRESS ON MATTER OF US GENERAL SUPPORT BUT ALSO  
TOLD ASAD IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE HAD A MORE PRECISE  
IDEA OF EXACTLY WHAT HE HAS IN MIND

4. THE KING TOLD ME THAT ASAD WAS VERY APPRECIATIVE  
OF THE MESSAGE AND OF OUR RAPID RESPONSE. HE SEEMED  
TO BE SOMEWHAT MORE RELAXED THIS MORNING ACCORDING TO  
THE KING. HUSSEIN TOLD ME HE URGED ASAD TO CLARIFY  
FURTHER HIS POSITION WITH US DIRECTLY. KING SAID OF  
COURSE HE WOULD ALWAYS BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IF WE  
DESIRED. AFTER SHORT DISCUSSION WITH KING ON THIS  
POINT, HE CONCLUDED IT MIGHT NOT BE A BAD IDEA FOR  
US IF WE HAD SOME SPECIFIC QUESTION FOR ASAD TO  
REFER TO THE COMMUNICATION THROUGH HUSSEIN AND PUT THOSE  
QUESTIONS DIRECTLY TO ASAD OR A CLOSE PERSONAL  
CONFIDANTE OF HIS DIRECTLY IN DAMASCUS.

5. I TOLD KING THAT HE COULD LOOK FORWARD TO BEING  
IN TOUCH WITH US THROUGH AMBASSADOR HELMS AND CONVEYED  
YOUR REGARDS AND THANKS FOR HIS ASSISTANCE AND ALSO  
ASKED HIM TO PASS ON TO ASAD YOUR PERSONAL REGARDS  
AS WELL. KING DID THIS IN TELEPHONE CALL AND TOLD ME  
THAT ASAD HAD ASKED HIM TO RESPOND TO YOS IN KIND.

6. KING MENTIONED THAT HE WOULD BE BRIEFING THE SHAH  
ON THE SITUATION AND SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE CLEAR  
GENERAL US POSITION. I TOLD KING THAT AMBASSADOR HELMS  
HAD BEEN INFORMED OF OUR RECENT CONVERSATION AND  
ASSUMED IT WOULD BE NO PROBLEM FROM OUR SIDE IN KEEPING  
THE SHAH GENERALLY INFORMED ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING.  
PICKERING UNQUOTE. ROBINSON

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